Wakf Land in Ram Bagh, Ambala Cantt

3143. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the status of Wakf land in Ram Bagh, Ambala Cantt. under Punjab Wakf Board which was given to a co-operative society for housing;

(b) whether it is a fact that PWB has failed to protect fully the interests of Wakf Board in that case and many other similar cases; and

(c) if so, the action taken/being taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) The Wakf land in Ram Bagh in Ambala Cantt. bearing Kh. No. 207/4689 measures about 24000 sq. yards. Out of this about 5986 sq. yards has been kept for burial purposes and 13277 sq. yards has been leased out to Lok Naik Cooperative Society for residential purposes. The remaining areas has been kept for passage. The Society is paying rent for the purpose.

(b) and (c) Interest of the Wakf land is fully protected by Punjab Wakf Board. The Co-operative Society has not so far been granted NOC for construction of residential accommodation. NOC will be granted to the Society only after they agree to pay enhanced donation and rent as per scheduled rate. The field staff have been directed to sent a comprehensive proposal in this respect.

Decline in Female Population

† 3144. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether constant decline in female population in proportion to the male population is a matter of concern;

(b) whether Government are vigilant towards the social imbalance and several deformities prevailing in the society;

(c) whether high death rate of female child and female foeticide is one cause of imbalance in the ratio of male and female population**;**

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.